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1. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN NEWS SERVICE FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE MET BRIEFLY WITH INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK IN NEW DELHI WHERE BOTH ARE ATTENDING ESCAP CONFERENCE AND TOLD MALIK OF STRONG AUSTRALIAN OBJECTIONS TO USE OF FORCE OVER TIMOR. DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT AND HAS CABLED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY NEW DELHI.

2. NEW AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, RICHARD WOOLCOTT, IS NOW SCHEDULED DEPART FOR JAKARTA MARCH 3 BEARING MESSAGE FROM WHITLAM TO SUHARTO. ACCORDING JOINT INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR GORDON JOCKEL, ORIGINAL DRAFT OF THIS MESSAGE STRONGLY UD AGAINST USE OF FORCE. HOWEVER, VERSION BEING REVIEWED OVER WEEKEND WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE SUBTLE AND NUANCED.

3. WILL MEET WITH GRAHAM FEAKES (DFA FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA) MARCH 3 FOR DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GOA VIEWS AND INTENTIONS REGARDING TIMOR ISSUE. WITH RENOUF OUT SICK, FEAKES IS SENIOR DFA OFFICER HANDLING THIS SUBJECT.

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